**Sunday 5th October 2025 16th Sunday after Trinity**

*Collect* O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;and grant that they may both perceive and knowwhat things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Lamentations 1.1–6**

1 How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. 2 She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. 3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. 4 The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. 5 Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. 6 From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

**Psalm 137**

R **By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept.**

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,

when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up

on the trees in the midst of that land. R

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion.’

4 How shall we sing the Lord’s song upon an alien soil? R

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. R

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, who said, ‘Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!’

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones,

and dashes them against the rock! R

**2 Timothy 1.1–14**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**Luke 17.5–10**

5 The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ 6 The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you. 7 Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? 8 Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

*Post Communion Prayer:* Almighty God,you have taught us through your Sonthat love is the fulfilling of the law:grant that we may love you with our whole heartand our neighbours as ourselves;through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Sunday 5th October**

08.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s

**10.00** Sung Eucharist St Peter’s

18.00 Service of the Word, St Catherine’s

**Tuesday 7th October**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 8th October**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Thursday 9th October**

10am MU Said Eucharist, St Peter’s

**Sunday 12th October**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s

09.30 Service of the Word, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St John’s

**Wednesday 15th October**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 19th October**

08.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s

10.00 Sung Eucharist St Peter’s

16.00 IOW Confirmation Service, St Mary’s

**Tuesday 21st October**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 22nd October**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 26th October**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s

09.30 Service of the Word, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St John’s

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Do come along to the next **Coffee Morning** at St Mary’s on Saturday 11th October from 10am – 12 noon, in aid of church funds and the charity Ability Dogs for Children. There will be refreshments, cakes and stalls from the community, including Farmer Ralph.

**The Isle of Wight Confirmation service** is taking place on Sunday 19th Oct at 4pm in St Mary’s Church, Brading. Bishop Jonathan will preside and we have at least 4 candidates from the Haven benefice being confirmed so do please pray for Sharron, Lynne, Alex and Mike and come along to the service to support all those being confirmed. We are also going to provide refreshments in the hall afterwards so if you can help with this please see Rev Karen. **Please note the Evensong Service** scheduled for that evening at St John’s, Yaverland has had to be **cancelled**.

**Wedding Open Day:** We are showcasing just how great our churches and halls are for weddings with organists, choir, flowers, bells, information, reception venues and even a cake. If you can help throughout the day (Sat 1st November 10 - 3pm) please let Revd Karen know.

St Peter’s is still looking for a **donkey** and **actors** for their live Nativity on 20th December. No lines to learn, script is provided and does not have to be learned by heart. If anyone has a donkey or knows someone who does, or would like to act in the play please let Rev Karen know.

The October issue of our **parish magazine, 'What's On',** is now out, and copies are at the back of each church, price 60p. If you would like to take out a subscription for just £6 p.a. it can be delivered to your door, thanks to our amazing band of volunteers! Contact Paul or Mary Jackson on 872326 to get set up.

As part of the Diocese of Portsmouth Net Zero Conference **Towards an Eco Island is** on Saturday 18th October from 10am to 2pm in Newport Minster. £5 per person (to include refreshments). With contributions from St Helens Church, St Helens (Eco Church Gold award winners), and St Mildred’s Church, Whippingham (Eco Church Silver award winners), and the diocesan net zero teams of Portsmouth and Guildford. **Book at**: bit.ly/iow-nzc-25

**The Brading Bellringers** would like to say a big **thank you** to everyone who supported the Vectis Brass concert (which was fabulous!) last Saturday at St. Mary's, our share of the takings was £166 which has gone to the Bell restoration appeal. The September winners of the 8 Bell Club are; 1st Hilary Hamphlet, 2nd Vivienne Hien, 3rd Geoff Wilkins. Congratulations to them.

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